

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

FATIMA MOUJTAHID, on behalf of
herself and her minor child B.M.,
Plaintiffs.

V.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP &
IMMIGRATION SERVICES, *et al.*,
Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-01789-RSM

**STIPULATED MOTION AND
ORDER FOR RELIEF FROM
INITIAL DISCLOSURES AND
JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Plaintiffs filed the above-captioned lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendants seeking disclosure of certain documents.

On January 24, 2019, this Court granted Defendants' motion to stay deadlines in light of the lapse of appropriations for the Department of Justice. Dkt. 18. Pursuant to the order, Defendants notified the Court when the lapse of appropriations had ended and, after conferring with Plaintiff's counsel, proposed new deadlines. Dkt. No. 19.

On January 31, 2019, the Court granted the parties proposed deadlines for Defendants to respond to the Complaint, the FRCP 26(f) conference, initial disclosures, and the joint status report. Dkt. No. 20. Defendants filed an answer to the Complaint on February 4, 2019. Dkt. 21.

1 Since that time, the parties have conferred about the scope of the case. The parties
2 agree that this case constitutes “an action for review on an administrative record” under
3 Rule 26(a)(1)(B)(i), and is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Rule
4 26(a)(1), as well as from the requirements of Rule 26(f), requiring the parties to prepare a
5 discovery plan.

6 Accordingly, the parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE that this case
7 constitutes “an action for review on an administrative record” under Rule 26(a)(1)(B)(i),
8 and is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Rule 26(a)(1), as well as from
9 the requirements of Rule 26(f), requiring the parties to prepare a discovery plan.

10 Furthermore, the parties intend to work cooperatively to attempt to resolve this
11 litigation without motion practice. If at any time in the next 60 days it becomes apparent
12 that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will submit a briefing
13 schedule to the Court.

14 The parties propose a joint status report to be filed on or before April 29, 2019.

15 DATED this 1st day of March, 2019.

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17 Respectfully Submitted,

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ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

The parties are released from the initial disclosure requirements of Rule 26(a)(1), as well as the requirements of Rule 26(f), requiring the parties to prepare a discovery plan. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before April 29, 2019.

Dated this 5 day of March, 2019.

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RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE